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DRY STATE DRYER THAN EVER NOW

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., November 30.—Gov. Gardner Monday issued an official proclamation, declaring the state bone-dry prohibition act to be in full force and effect.

Under the referendum provision of the state constitution, acts of legislation which are submitted to the voters by the referendum, and are approved by a majority, shall be in effect as soon as the Governor issues a proclamation officially declaring the fact of their adoption.

The bone-dry statute was passed by the Legislature of 1919, the same which ratified the eighteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States. It was to go into effect January 16 last, when the eighteenth amendment went into effect, but referendum petitions were circulated by the liquor interests, and sufficient signatures were obtained to hold up the enactment until the election of November 2. In that election the voters of the state ratified the action of the Legislature by a majority of 61,299.

Compiles Average Price of Missouri Farm Products

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., November 29.—Average prices received by producers of farm products in Missouri, as well as prices received in each county, have been compiled for the first time by Jewell Mayes, Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, and E. A. Logan, agricultural statistician.

The table shows the average prices to be as follows:

Corn, 90 cents per bushel; wheat, \$2.07; oats, 58 cents; milk, 11 cents per quart; sorghum, \$1.25 per gallon; cream, 52 cents per pound; apples, \$1.55 per bushel; timothy, \$18.40 per ton; potatoes, \$1.60 per bushel; butter, 45 cents per pound; eggs, 49 cents per dozen; chickens, 20 cents per pound.

The prices for certain products vary widely in the different counties. The highest price reported for corn was \$1.35 per bushel in St. Charles County and the lowest 60 cents in Butler and Stoddard counties. The top price for wheat was \$2.25 in Worth, Macon and Pemiscot counties and the lowest \$1.60 in De Kalb County. Oats sold for \$1 per bushel in Iron County and 40 cents in Livingston and Scott counties.

Milk was 5 cents a quart in Oregon County and 20 cents in Pemiscot. Sorghum brought \$1.75 a gallon in Shelby and 75 cents in Iron and Butler counties. The price for cream was 45 cents a pound in Callaway and Bollinger counties and 65 cents in Pemiscot. Apples were 65 cents a bushel in Wright County and \$2.50 in Ray. Timothy hay was \$8.50 a ton in Bates and \$30 in Osage, Crawford, St. Francois, Madison and Pemiscot counties.

"The figures on the prices received by the producers will give the public an opportunity to compare them with the prices paid by the consumers," said Mayes.

BUYS NASH'S

The Famous Fashion Shop, E. Norber, manager, will open in the store room formerly occupied by Nash's. The store is one of a chain and will be an exclusive ready-to-wear shop. A new stock of merchandise will be opened at once, upon arrival. They will hold a formal opening of the store Thursday. The Ledger joins in welcoming Mr. Norber and his business associates to Mexico.

ty-five people present at the Methodist church Sunday School yesterday, with an offering of \$18.00. Dr. J. G. Moore gave a splendid address to Wesley class. Seventy-two men were present. Five members were added to the church: Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Blatter, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Swan, and William Swan.

PRICE FALL HITS WAGES EVERYWHERE

CHICAGO, Nov. 30.—Statistics which he said were intended to show that there was a spirit of retrenchment in the nation's industry and the wages and the cost of living were going down throughout the country were presented to Federal Judge Samuel Leach by L. N. D. Weld, representing the packing companies in the hearing over the demands of 225,000 packing company employees for an increase of \$1 a day in their wages.

Judge Alschuler heard the case two months ago, but never rendered a decision, and the hearing was reopened at the request of the packers, who maintained that "the decrease in the cost of living which has come into being since the previous hearing should be taken into consideration in this case, which is the first test between capital and labor as to whether or not there should be further wage increases now that living costs are decreasing."

Detailing the report Mr. Weld said that in South Carolina, twenty-four cotton mills has reduced wages, and that wage reductions also had been made by seventeen industries, mostly motor car plants, in Ohio, ten in twenty-five in New Hampshire, seventeen in Missouri, nineteen in Illinois, not including packers. The 879 firms on which reports had been gathered had reduced their working forces by more than two hundred thousand in the last ninety days, he said. Each of the 879 industries employed more than one hundred men, he said.

In Chicago, he said, there had been an average decrease in the cost of food of 10 per cent in the last year and 15 per cent in the last ninety days. Clothing had decreased 28 per cent in ninety days, according to Mr. Weld's figures.

Kansas City showed a clothing and food reduction of 31 per cent in the last year and Omaha a reduction of 26 per cent in ninety days, Mr. Weld said.

Jamaica Ginger On Prescription Only After Feb. 16

Jamaica ginger will not be obtainable after Feb. 16, 1921, except on a physician's prescription, according to an order issued recently by the Prohibition Enforcement Bureau at Washington. Since prohibition became effective it has been a popular drink among frequenters of Market street saloons who refer to it as "Jake."

The order states that Jamaica ginger has been included in the list of medical preparations banned by the Prohibition Enforcement Bureau and which must not be sold indiscriminately.

The order follows numerous complaints that Jamaica ginger was being sold indiscriminately by druggists. Hospital doctors throughout the nation have reported that about 50 per cent of alcoholic cases treated since prohibition became effective were due to the drinking of Jamaica ginger, essence of ginger or ginger extract.

Jamaica ginger has a more powerful "kick," according to doctors, than the strongest whiskey. It is 30 per cent alcohol, and equal in proof strength to whiskey of 180 per cent proof. Many persons buy it in two-ounce portions and carry it in their pockets. When they order near-beer they pour a few drops of the ginger into the glass and get the same sensation as if drinking strong whiskey.

SENDS CLOTHING

The Methodist Church of Mexico, is sending to Miss Quail, relief worker in Warsaw, Poland, 600 pounds of clothing and supplies. This includes more than 1300 different articles. These are being sent to New Port News, Va., where the Polish government will transfer it to Warsaw and Krakow, Poland. It will be given to the refugees which are being driven into these cities, and will be a means of keeping these people from freezing to death this winter.

Donald Hagar, four years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hagar, of this city, is recovering from a painfully blood-poisoned hand due to the scratch of a pet cat.

Better Roads Coming

These rainy days when you want to bring something to town or come in to take advantage of the many wonderful money-saving bargains the Mexico merchants are offering you look forward with pleasure to the time Audrain county has permanent highways in every section of it.

When some member of the family is ill and you need a physician in a hurry you again hope the better highways will come soon so that a dangerous delay in such a crisis may not result fatally to some loved one.

Good roads is one thing that will do much to keep the young people on the farm. There are a lot of other reasons we should be thankful the state road bond issue carried. Let's get all the state roads we can and then build county roads to connect with them.

L. M. White

GIVES UP CLAIM TO ONE MILLION

BUZZARD'S BAY, Mass., Nov. 30.—"I renounce my claim to this million dollars because I believe Christ would have done the same," said Chas. Garland.

Charles Garland, the young man who renounced his right to a \$1,000,000 legacy left him by his father, James A. Garland, who was a wealthy clubman and yachtman of Boston, has made a formal statement, which, he said, was due to the fact the many reports of his failure to accept the legacy had failed properly to present his position.

"I refuse to accept the money because it is not mine."

"A system which leaves a sick woman helpless and offers its services to a healthy man condemns itself. It is such a system that offers me \$1,000,000," he continued.

"It is blind to the simplest truth known to every child, the truth that the hungry should be fed and the naked clothed. I have had to choose between the loss of private property and the law which is written in every human heart. I choose the one which I believe to be true."

DYE NEWS.

A good offering was brought to Dye for the Old Ladies Home in Mexico, fruit, canned goods, sacks of chicken feed and reading matter were brought. — Mrs. Otto Ackerman visited Dye Tuesday afternoon. — Clayton Erdel was on the sick list last week. — Mr. and Mrs. Albert Erdel and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Erdel Sunday. — There was a telephone meeting at Dye school Saturday night. — Mr. and Mrs. Harry Galloway and son were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Dudgeon Saturday. — The community was sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Val Erdel, Sr., Thursday. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones. — Little Mary Virginia Ackerman has been ill. — Mr. and Mrs. John Jesse were Thanksgiving day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse. — The young people of the Littlefield Methodist church are rehearsing for a play "The Thompkins' Hired Man" and a comedy "The Mischievous Nigger" to be given at the church Wednesday evening, Dec. 8th at 7:30. Admission will be 35c for adults and 25c for children. Everyone is invited. It is thought the plays will be cast in Laddonia later. Watch for the date. — On Sunday, Dec. 5th at 2:30 p. m., at Littlefield M. E. church there will be a District Conference for Older Boys and Girls. At 6 p. m., there will be a "Get-Acquainted" meeting followed by lunch and a social hour. After this there will be an evening session for young and old. Everybody is invited. Leading county workers will have charge.

BENTON CITY ITEMS.

Bro. Henson of Moberly filled his appointment at the Christian church Sunday morning and evening. — Ed Hildebrand shipped a load of cattle and sheep to St. Louis Monday night. — Miss Myrtle Mateer spent Saturday and Sunday with her brother Charles in Callaway. — Mrs. Penn of near Wellsville is spending a few days with Mrs. Blankenship. — Miss Lottie Boyd from Palmyra spent Thanksgiving day with Mr. Hutcherson and family. — Claud Carter and wife spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Carter. — Mrs. Dovenspike and daughter from Iowa spent Saturday with friends in Benton City. — Mr. and Mrs. Rock Davis of Mexico spent Thanksgiving day with friends in Benton City. — Quite a few around here are suffering from colds and sore throats. — Mrs. Marion is visiting her daughter and family at Jonesburg. — Judge Douglass and daughter, Henrietta, David Douglass and wife, T. C. Hicks and wife and Roy Cullen and wife and Walter Tratchel, wife and mother, Mrs. Edna Tratchel spent Thanksgiving day with Alfred Hicks and wife.

MOLINO ITEMS.

Marion Flynn of Hallsville is the guest of Dr. J. F. Flynn and family. — Miss Florence Heizer was operated on for appendicitis last Wednesday at the Audrain Hospital. She is doing nicely. — Sorry to state David Williams who was seriously ill with pneumonia died Tuesday evening. Funeral Wednesday. — Dave Beam is not so well at this writing. — Others on the sick list were Mr. and Mrs. Lon Heizer and Mrs. J. E. Dudley. Glad to report them better. — Born to John Heizer and wife, Friday, Nov. 19th, a daughter, Loreta Fay. — Mrs. James Camplin of Santa Fe returned home Sunday after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. John Heizer. — Milt Roberts and family will move Tuesday to the Tom Bedford place. — J. H. Botts was the guest of J. E. Dudley and wife the first of the week. — The people of this community deeply sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Will Hendrix in the loss of their little daughter, Elizabeth June.

WEDDINGS.

Charles Campbell of Martinsburg and Miss Fannie Wood of Montgomery City were married Thanksgiving day in Montgomery City. They went to their home in Martinsburg immediately after the ceremony.

Mrs. Campbell is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wood of Montgomery City, and for several years has been employed at the Sheets Mercantile company. Mr. Campbell is foreman at the Martinsburg Monitor.

The marriage of Dr. Dennis Moore of Mexico to Miss Vona Vance to Mound City took place Monday evening, November 30 at the Mound City Baptist Church.

Mrs. Moore is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Vance of Mound City. She is a graduate of Hardin College, and is a member of the Sigma Iota Chi and Chi Omega sororities. Last year, she was an instructor in English at Hardin College, and is well known in Mexico.

Doctor Moore is one of Mexico's young business men, and had practiced dentistry for several years in this city. He is one of the leaders of the Elks organization here.

After a short trip, Mr. and Mrs. Moore will return to Mexico.

The marriage of Miss Floy Harrison of Auxvasse to William H. Yates of Fulton took place at the bride's home Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Immediately after the wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Yates left for a short trip before returning to Auxvasse to make their home.

Mrs. Yates is a daughter of John S. Harrison. She is a graduate of Synodical College and a member of the Beta Sigma Omicron sorority. Mr. Yates is a son of Dr. M. Yates of Fulton. He was formerly a student in Westminster college, and is now one of the prosperous young farmers of the county.

CAMPAIGN EXPENSES

The following have turned in their list of campaign expenses during the last election:

Judge W. W. Botts, who was a candidate for the office of representative from Audrain County, had a total expenditure of \$65.

Chal Blum, candidate for sheriff of Audrain County had a total expense of \$152.

John W. Howell, candidate for public administrator had a total expense of \$10.

E. F. Hollingsworth, candidate for prosecuting attorney of Audrain County, and John S. Atkins, candidate for constable of Callaway County, report no campaign expenses.

HAZEL ITEMS.

Henry Schrader sawed wood Tuesday. — The Baptist Sunday school boys had a rabbit hunt Thanksgiving day. — Mrs. Sallie Anderson spent Thanksgiving with Mr. Harrell's. — Miss Coral Hollingsworth spent the week-end with Miss Verna Lovinger. — Miss Hilda Anderson spent last Thursday with her friends, Miss Maxine Martin, west of Mexico. — Mrs. McCall and children of Laddonia visited with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Crawford from Thursday until Sunday. — Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Whiteside and daughter, Martha of Montgomery City. — Mrs. Sallie Anderson and children and Miss Verna Lovinger spent Sunday with Mr. Harrell's near Worcester. Mr. Harrell went home with his daughter, Mrs. Whiteside for a visit. — Lawrence Wilshire and Dennis Hollingsworth are feeding a carload of cattle and hogs. — Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. McCall and children spent Sunday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cauthorn. — Misses Manda Vetter and Kathryn Lotta visited Hazel school last Friday afternoon. — W. H. Hollingsworth and family spent Sunday with F. E. Hollingsworth's. — Jake Baehr helped L. Doebelin in shredding corn fodder Thursday. — Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Doerge spent Thanksgiving day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hollingsworth. — Henry Schrader had a mule to get pretty badly cut in the wire Thursday evening.

Marriage licenses were issued Wednesday to the following: Elwell Glenn Parrish and Miss Zelma Humphreys of Call County; to Lewis Everett and Miss Pearl Higley both of St. Louis. The latter couple were married by the Rev. W. C. Cowart Wednesday afternoon. A license was issued to Roy Jeffries and Miss Virginia Long, both of Mexico.

Mrs. W. L. Kent and daughter, Mrs. Alle Luckie, left for El Paso, Texas, Wednesday, to spend the winter. They will be the guests of Dick Graham, Mrs. Kent's son.

C. H. Henry of Vandalia was a business visitor in Mexico Monday.

MCM GIRLS TEAM TO PLAY 1ST GAME WITH PARIS DEC. 6

The first game of basketball of the season for the McMillan girls' team will be Monday, December 6, at Troy. The second game will probably be with at Jefferson City, December 17. The girls have been practicing for about six weeks, and according to Miss Bragg, coach, they are showing good work in spite of the fact that practically all these on the squad are inexperienced players.

The following girls are on the squad: Gertrude Landrum, Abby Neeley, Waldine Barnes, Helen Austin, Helen Blakey, Rita Barnes, Lorraine Roberts, Blanche Roberts, Gladys Wilson, Berenice Glass, Ruth Rodhouse and Ruth Ridgeway. The first four named on the squad played last year.

This year will be the first time for several years that the girls' team at McMillan has played with out-of-town teams.

MEXICO BOYS HEAD COLLEGE FUNNY PAPER

The Showme, the new humorous publication at the University of Missouri, conceded to be among the most meritorious publications of its kind in college circles is well represented by Mexico boys upon its staff. Frank Houston, former City Editor of the Ledger, is Art Editor of the publication and Archie Rodgers, formerly of this city, is Literary Editor.

The publication is issued monthly and costs 35 cents in news stands. It always has an attractive front page in color and is filled with amusing comments of college life as well as other phases of society.

The book is most attractive and entertaining and has taken hold in a most encouraging manner. The Ledger joins the other friends of the management in wishing The Showme much success.

State Vote Gives An Interesting Insight To Election

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., November 26.—The official vote of the State of Missouri for President of the United States stands as follows:

Harding (Rep.), 727,162.
Cox (Dem.), 574,799.
Debs (Sec.), 20,242.
Cox (Sec.-Labor), 2164.
Christensen (Farmer-Worker), 3,231.
Watkins (Pro.), 5142.

Senator Harding has a clear majority over all his competitors of 121,524, and a plurality of 152,363. The head of the Republican national ticket received 16,001 more votes than Selden P. Spencer, Republican, for United States Senator, and 5138 more votes than were cast for A. M. Hyde, Republican candidate for Governor. Ninth Congressional district—Hukriede, Rep., 39,213; Clark, Dem., 35,626; Eno, Sec., 243.

Ayres, Alleged Embezzler, Taken To Iowa City

Hubert Ayres, who is charged with embezzlement of \$1500 from the Mann Motor Company of Iowa City, Iowa, was taken back to that place Tuesday morning by E. O. Carroll, deputy sheriff of Johnston County, Iowa.

Ayres will stand trial there with three other men, who are implicated with him. One of these is a brother of Ayres. It is alleged that these men sold a bunch of railroad bonds that were no good. All of the other men have been taken.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Marshall left Tuesday, for Watsonville, Calif., to visit Mrs. Marshall's sister, Mrs. Fred Gould.

CAR TURNS OVER WHEN MISSES ROAD

Eddy and Ray Smith, in the Smith car, and Misses Marjory and Margaret Morris, of Quincy, formerly of this city, went into the ditch five miles southwest of this city Thursday evening as they were returning from Columbia where they had gone to witness the Missouri-Kansas foot ball game.

They came to a "S" turn on the road and made one of the turns but the second they failed to see until too late and went into the ditch, the car turning over. All were badly shaken up and Miss Marjory Morris suffered painful bruises about the face but nothing serious.

The care was too badly damaged to be driven home and a machine was sent for the party. Their many friends will join the Ledger in congratulating them on escaping so easily from what might have been a serious accident.

BOYS START BASKETBALL PRACTICE AT MCMILLAN H.S.

The first boys' basketball practice of the season was held Tuesday afternoon at McMillan High School. About twenty boys were out. The practice consisted in passing the ball and shooting goals. According to J. G. Merideth, coach, the boys are in a fair condition. Almost all of those out were on the football squad this year. Eldon Reed, Fred Stallings, Claude Moran and Howell Reed are the four letter men back this year. Landon Smith and Wesley Niederschulte, who were on last year's squad are trying out again this year.

The first game will probably be two weeks before Christmas with Paris or Montgomery City. The team won about half of the games they played last year and should make a better record this year with the material there is.

Mexico Power Co. Wins Case From Texas Company

In the case of the Texas Company against the Mexico Power Company, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the Mexico Power Company. The Texas concern was suing for \$446.57 with 6 per cent interest, which they charged was due them for a shipment of gas oil to the Mexico Company to be used in their plant.

The case of W. W. Johnson against the American Railway Express Company was being tried Wednesday. Johnson is suing for \$181 for an alleged injury to a buffalo sent him from Pawnee, Okla., which he claims caused the animal's death later.

HATTON-CONCORD.

Charley Opperas is in St. Charles, Mo. — Mrs. Clyde Hendrix is visiting Will Hendrix and wife. — Mrs. Sid Gilmore returned home from a pleasant visit to friends and relatives in Columbia. — Sid Gilmore and family were shopping in Mexico Saturday. — Earl Stephen and wife gave the young folks a dance Thursday night. All reported a good time. — Tom Bailey gave a dance at the Concord store building Saturday night. — Byrd Crawford of Mexico visited his sister, Mrs. Charles Emmons, Thanksgiving day and hunted. We didn't learn how successful he was with his game. — J. R. Leeper delivered hogs to Neff & Overfelt at Auxvasse shippers. — We were sorry to hear of the death of the six months old baby girl of Mr. and Mrs. Will Hendrix last Wednesday. — Miss Hattie Bailey visited Miss Bertha Hulet Friday. — Miss Frances Cottrell visited home folks over Sunday from Fulton.

Miss Isabell Gregory returned home from Fulton Monday after visiting Miss Margaret Neill there.

Gifts That Last

For an expression of intimate regard at Christmas time, what more appropriate than a ring—the royal gift?

Whether it be set with diamonds, rubies, emeralds or other precious or semi-precious stones, or be of less pretentious and less expensive design, you can find in our carefully selected assortment just what you desire.

Of especial interest at Christmas time is our stock of W-W-W Rings. These gem-set rings in solid gold are known for the flawless purity of their gems, and for the beauty and distinctiveness of their designs. And they cost no more than others.

If you would choose gifts of rare good taste and distinction—not necessarily expensive—come in and inspect our beautiful assortment of goods especially appropriate for holiday giving.

PILCHER'S